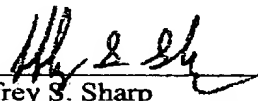


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2005 in which all elected claims (31, 33-38 and 42-44) stand rejected under one or more of Section 112 (first paragraph) and/or under Sections 102(a), 102(e) and 103(a). The claims are also provisionally rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over co-owned, copending application Serial No. 10/169,179. This Response is timely filed as it is accompanied by a Request for a one-month Extension of Time to June 22, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of those claims is solicited in light of the following remarks.

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